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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 25, 2005, the Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group II invention, claims 4-9. Divisional patent applications will be filed at a future appropriate time to claim the subject matter recited in remaining claims 1-3 and 10-21.

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